

National Electric, Dow Win Opening Softball Tilts

National Electric, defending champions of last year's Class A Softball League and holders of the Torrance Herald Perpetual Trophy, opened the league play in championship style here Monday evening by waxing a new entry into the league, the Marine Clerks, to the tune of 10-1.

Led by the five-hit pitching of one-armed Hal Nelms, the NE squad worked Hank Olsen and Bob Nichols for eight hits and 10 runs as the Clerks bobbled seven chances in the field. Nelms struck out 13 Clerks batters while only four NE batters fanned.

The National Electric squad decided the game before the Clerks ever got to bat. After catcher Frank Schmidt fanned as the game's first batter, Nick Dellan, Gene Murphy, Nelms, Don Merrell, Don Fulton, Ernie Floyd, and Bill Dietlin combined three walks and four hits to

push six tallies across the plate in the first inning. The NE squad pushed across single tallies again in the third, fourth, fifth, and sixth innings. The Clerks got their only run on base in the fourth and on only other scoring threats. Pederson got on with two out and scored on an overthrow at

first base in a play for Hank Olsen. Left Fielder Joe Grassi, who singled twice in three trips to the plate, got on second base in the fourth and on third in the seventh for the only other scoring threats. In the opening game of the evening, the Dow Chemical

squad took a 2-1 victory from another newcomer to the league, the Carson Merchants. Pitcher Rusty Brooks let the Merchants down with four hits while allowing only one run across the plate. Tony Hanzo all but handcuffed the Dow Chem-

ical squad by letting them have only five safe hits, two to Jim Clampitt, and one each to Len Sparza, Walt Peterson, and Roy Dorr. Bob Costa, Frank Machado, Jack Sampson, and Bill Greer collected singles for the losers.

National Electric will meet Midland Rubber tonight at 7 p.m. and Marine Clerks will meet National Supply in the second game. All Class A games are at Torrance Park under the lights.

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Class B League Off In Slugfest

Lead-off teams in the Class B Softball League haven't heard that the basketball season is over. In the only B game played Monday evening, the Home Loan Realty squad outlasted the Walteria Merchants to win a free-scoring 27-22 game under the Torrance Park lights. Jack Turner was credited with the win after letting the Walteria crew down with only 11 hits. The really batters collected an even dozen bingles. The high-scoring donnybrook set a new record in scoring in Torrance softball play, according to "Red" Moon, the city's athletic director.

Scorer Busy
Dale Wickstrom, who kept the tally sheet on the contest, had his hands full keeping track of the runners crossing the home plate. The Home Loan sluggers pushed across nine runs in each of the first and ninth innings, while the Merchants had their big inning in the fourth when they pushed in 13 tallies. L. B. Bar-

'Whitey' Morgan Leaps to School Broadjump Mark

Operating under the theory that "you have to get up in the air to get out past the 20-foot mark" in broadjumping, Junior Larry "Whitey" Morgan last Friday gave a tremendous leap and landed right in the middle of the CIF preliminaries which get under way May 16. And, while he was at it, he created the one-year-old school record of Buddy Powers, who set a mark of 21 ft. 7 1/4 in. last year. Morgan bettered this mark one-quarter of an inch. A sturdily built tow-head, Morgan has just begun to get his legs under him in the event. During the past four weeks he has improved his jumping distance about a foot a week according to Track Coach Vernon Wolfe.



LARRY "WHITEY" MORGAN (Herald Photo by Reid Bundy) ... "You Have to Get Up to Get Out."

Lutheran Men, Optimists Win Slo-Pitch Tilts

Torrance Optimist ball players and the Lutheran Men's team started off at the top of the pile in the Slo-Pitch league here Tuesday evening as each won its first games. The Optimists downed last year's champs, the Lions Club, 16-12 in a free-swinging contest with the 16-inch ball. Club President Forrest "Stew" Meyers did the pitching for the winners. Dick Miller, Henry Burke and Roy Peterson hurled for the losers. In the second game of the evening, the Lutheran Men had a relatively easy time with the Moose Lodge team. The Lutherans took an early lead, then coasted to victory. Ray White Cabral, Mike Patko, and Pete White.

Pryor Takes Phone Match With 75 Card

Biff Pryor took low gross honors Sunday in Alondra's General Telephone tourney with a 75, while Chuck Noonan pulled down low net kudos with a card of 67. Runner up to Pryor in the gross scoring was Bill Long who carded an 83. Ira Christensen carded a 72 for the second spot in net play. Opening rounds in the 36-hole qualifying play for the club championships saw Bill Chadock leading with rounds of 34-35 for a 69. He was followed by Dale Dynes with a 35-36-71, and Elmer Clements 35-37-72. Others still in contention for qualifying honors include Arnie Guesing, Biff Pryor, George Cutter, Tom Baker, Carol Faulk, Manny Cabral, Mike Patko, and Pete White.

Seven Scout Troops to Portuguese Bend to Fish

Seven boys from Scout Troop 1721 tried their hand at surf fishing at Portuguese Bend Saturday, accompanied by Assistant Scoutmaster James McMillen, but all they reported catching were several sunburns. Boys who went on the outing were Dennis Brown, Don Kelley, Richard Bentwood, David Shinoda, Tommy Hammack, Kurt McMillen, and Richard Nanney.

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